

# W. Leonard's COLUMN



## Lewis-Leonard Match Talked Of, the Biggest Pugilistic Event to Come.

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JUST as we suspected. There is a real match in the making. It will bring together Benny Leonard and "Kid" Ted Lewis, the lightweight champion and the title holder among the welters. Leonard knocked out Johnny Kilbane in a handikap match and now he is after the honors in the class above him. This match has been talked about ever since Leonard whipped Freddie Welsh, but because Lewis was hooked up with Jimmy Johnson there never was a chance of its being clinched. Johnson insisted all along that Lewis could beat Leonard and made all kinds of concessions in the weight line on behalf of Lewis. Leonard and Billy Gibson, his manager, turned the deaf ear to all of Johnson's offers and what looked like the best pugilistic attraction possible always was a-glimmering. Now, however, conditions are different. Johnson is no longer manager of Lewis and Gibson feels that he can go ahead with the match without a thought of Johnson. The result is that the match is practically on. Leonard never had the slightest fear of Lewis and his refusal to meet him was just a matter of principle. He felt that he would have less trouble beating the welter-weight champion than he has had trying to outpoint Jack Britton, and an odd thing about the match is that Britton predicts that Leonard will knock Lewis out. He can't do it himself and he has all he can do to go along with Leonard, yet he believes the lightweight champion can beat the welter champion, the man who won the title from him. There is no date set for the Leonard-Lewis fight and we don't know who will promote the bout, but it looks like the biggest pugilistic event to come.

GOLF champions have struck many vicious shots on the links this summer for the common cause. Lieut. Francis Ouimet, while on short furloughs from Camp Devens, has computed in nearly fifteen benefit matches.

Chick Evans, devoting much of his time to war relief work, tops the entire list. The young national amateur and professional title holder shows forty-eight matches to his credit, which have earned well over \$100,000.

Long Jim Barnes in one month alone played in \$40,000 for the Red Cross.

Liberty tournaments, special club meets and benefit matches during this season, which have reached the neighborhood of \$5,000,000 for the war chest.

Golf, once ridiculed as being a good lady's amusement, now is earning money for war relief purposes.

THE Japs have been noted as bustling imitators ever since the day Commodore Perry paid his famous visit to the little brown men. This Oriental trait is manifesting itself in sports. Tennis and golf appear especially to the Far Easterners. Ichio Kumagae, most capable of the Jap tennis players, gives plenty of proof how his countrymen copy their foreign models.

Two years ago Kumagae competed in the national championship at Forest Hills. His was the old traditional English game, everything from the baseline. This system got the little brown visitor past two rounds. Then Mr. Kumagae encountered George Church, who plays the aggressive net game so popular with American stars. The Jap was a discouraged and pathetic little figure as he chased around the court first one side then the other trying desperately to compete with his opponent's tantalizing way of putting the ball just out of reach.

Kumagae learned well his lesson. He went back to his Flowery Kingdom and practised the latest model of tennis playing, particularly the method of choking 'em off at the net.

Kumagae is back among us again, a greatly improved racket wielder. In the Metropolitan tournament last week he cut loose with all kinds of shots. The Jap was the most polished player in the championship and had little trouble winning the title.

Now Ichio intends to compete in the National tournament later in the month. Kumagae is now a real yellow peril on the tennis courts.

THE United States has started to experience the same misfortunes that have befallen England, Australia, France and other countries in the big struggle—the loss of star athletes on the field of action. Jeff Healy, captain of the Columbia team in 1916, has been wounded in action and has been taken to Base Hospital No. 24. He is only twenty-three years old and first attracted attention as a basketball star.

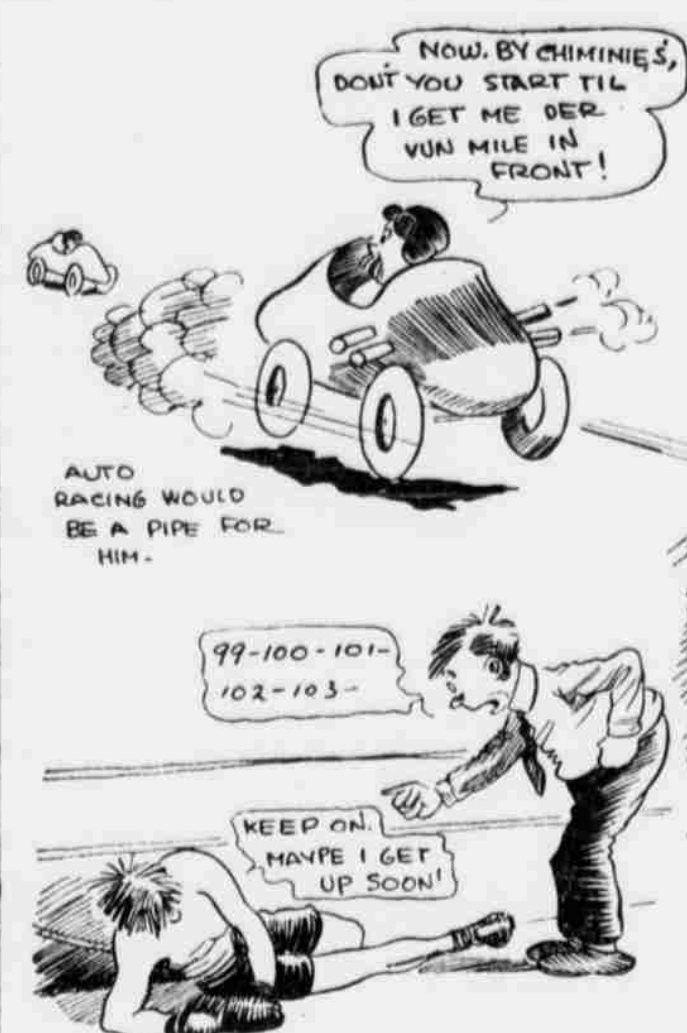
SWIMMERS and lovers of fair play in sports the country over are loud in their condemnation of the treatment handed to Miss Fannie Durack, world's champion woman swimmer, who sailed for home Saturday because she was barred from swimming in this country.

Miss Durack was the victim of a small-time manager. It seems that a fellow by the name of Umack sent her transportation, but when she landed here they had a falling out, with the result that she returned to him the money he had advanced. He then brought charges of professionalism against her, which kept her from appearing in meets in this country.

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## OTHER "SURE THING" GUYS . . . . . By Thornton Fisher

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AUTO RACING WOULD BE A PIPE FOR HIM.

99-100-101-102-103-

KEEP ON, MAYBE I GET UP SOON!

HEINIE WOULDN'T SCRAP UNLESS HE WAS SURE OF A 100 COUNT



I GUESS I BET ME 10 ON DOT HORSE MIT FOUR GOOT FEET!

HE'D WANT TO BE SURE THAT ALL THE NAGS IN THE RACE HAD BROKEN LEGS EXCEPTING HIS OWN.

PERMIT ME TO PRESENT THE FIRST PRIZE FOR YOUR BRILLIANT VICTORY!

THE REST OF THE FIELD

DANKS!

IF SPORTS WERE PLAYED ACCORDING TO FRITZ, HE'D WIN IN A WALK

## Scandalous Steeplechases At Last Spur Stewards Into Action at Saratoga

B. Haynes Suspended Pending Further Investigation Because of His "Raw" Ride on Reddest, the Heavily Backed Even-Money Favorite.

SARATOGA, Aug. 6. PUBLIC opinion, the mighty lever, has aroused the stewards here who represent the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association into action. The steeplechases at Saratoga this season have been little short of a scandal. Harsh criticism of the jockeys who rode in them could be heard morning and night, but the stewards, believing the jockeys, like kings took no heed of matters until yesterday. Then they came out of their trance for the riding of Reddest, the even money favorite, was so "raw" that even they were compelled to take action. They suspended B. Haynes pending further investigation.

Reddest, Crest Hill, Indul 21 and Early Light were in the contest, with the first named heavily backed and Crest Hill well supported just before post time. From the start to the finish the horses merely galloped, the time, 4:32.5, being 27 seconds behind the record. All the jockeys judging by the way they rode, had "waiting" orders. Each rider kept looking at his neighbor as much as to say: "Don't let me detain you, air!"

Despite the slow pace Haynes, an expert rider when he cares to display his best skill, pulled Reddest back twelve lengths in the rear and kept the horse there until the last jump when Reddest began to close on the leader, Crest Hill, but the half-hearted effort came when the race was practically over and Crest Hill won by a neck, with Indul 21 second, three lengths in front of Reddest. This is not the first time Haynes has been suspended. Last year he prevented Expectation, owned by J. E. Widener, from beating Trumpator, owned by G. E. Weiner. Both horses were trained by J. H. Lewis. Haynes occupied having his license revoked by claiming that the orders he received from Trainer Lewis how to ride Expectation caused the trouble by bringing about the defeat of his mount.

The Stewards of the Jockey Club—Messrs. Knapp, Hitchcock, Miller, Sanford and Widener—met in the Club House during the afternoon.

Frank Kough, who rode for Emil Herz and Joseph E. Widener last season, was refused a license this spring and his application to-day was again denied. No reason for this action was advanced by the Stewards, but rumor said that he was being punished because he had violated the stringent rule which prohibits jockeys from betting.

The Jockey Club Stewards sent a request to all racing associations who will hold their meetings this fall to place on their programmes a race of at least a mile and a quarter each day. The stewards believe by such methods that trainers will devote more time to developing endurance

in their thoroughbreds instead of the present prevailing idea to foster speed.

Two track records were again smashed. Corn Tassel, under perfect handling by Frankie Robinson, won the fifth race, a dash of a mile, and ran the course in 1:37 1-5, clipping a fifth of a second off the mark hung up by Ocean Bound in 1910.

Star Reelin, despite big blotches on his side, due to skin trouble, and blundering, incompetent work in the saddle by McAttee, got home in front for the last race by a nose and placed the new record for five and a half furlongs at 5:25.5, beating out the recent record made by his stable mate, Lacey Waco, by a fifth of a second.

Star Reelin's victory brought up William R. Coe's winning list to eighteen races. This is the greatest number of races won by any one stable since the opening of the racing season at the Jamaica track. Besides these events, Billy Karriek, who also trains for H. K. Knapp, has four other victories to his credit, a total of twenty-two winners. No other trainer has anything approaching this record this year.

These are strenuous days for Tom Sharkey, the sailor pugilist, who once upon a time loomed up large as a heavyweight winner of a championship crown. Sharkey is sometimes lucky picking winners, and sometimes not quite so fortunate. But good days

AND AGAINST A FIELD OF INVALIDS HE'D GRAB THE COVETED CUP

and bad days, its the odds against the horses that prove more perplexing to him than anything else. He had a "tip" on Corn Tassel, and walking up to "Little Buck," a commissioner for lavers, said: "Hey, Buck, what is the price against Corn Tassel?" "I'll give you 3 to 2, Mr. Sharkey," said the polite Little Buck. "You will not," replied Sharkey, giving vent to his powerful lungs in the heat of his anger. "You can't scalp the price on me, me brave bucko. For I can get all the 7 to 5 I want."

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## Fistic News and Gossip

By John Pollock

Weather permitting, the big open air boxing show, which was postponed twice last week on account of the rainy weather, will be brought off at Shibe Park in Philadelphia to-night. There will be four six-round contests between topnotchers, and as it is the most important show staged in that city since the Benny Leonard-Johnny Kilbane battle, the indications are that the gross receipts will figure close to \$18,000, as the advance sale last night amounted to nearly \$9,000. The fighters who are to battle are Harry Grob and Hattling Levinisky, Irish Patsey Cline and Willie Jackson, Sam Langford and Jack Thompson, colored heavyweights, and Jack Britton and Soldier Hartfield.

All details for the around town between Jack Dempsey and Billy Blake at Shibe Park in Philadelphia on Aug. 20 were finally completed today. They will battle for a guaranteed purse of \$10,000 of which Dempsey is to receive \$10,000 and Blake \$3,000. Jimmy Delaney, of Leipsville, Pa., is offering the purse. Any and all profits derived from the show are to be placed in a fund for the benefit of soldiers and sailors. Philadelphia and Delaware who may return from abroad physically unfit to earn a living for themselves or their families.

Johnny Dundee, who has not fought for several weeks on account of a cut eye, will get into action again tonight. He will take on Frankie "Young" Britt, the crack lightweight of New Bedford, Mass., in the main event of twelve rounds at the Army A. A. of Boston. Dundee is to be matched by the referee, Johnny will fight the hardest in order to get the verdict.

Clay Turner, the sensational Indian light heavyweight of St. Paul, is getting into condition at Jimmy Delaney's gymnasium at Long Beach, N. Y., for his bout with Harry Grob, the legitimate middleweight champion of the army and navy, at the Jersey City Baseball Grounds on Friday night. Grob is one of the greatest fighters there is in the business, he having won his present title recently by getting the decision over Eddie McKeever.

Jack Dempsey, Ted Lewis, the welterweight champion, and Johnny Dundee will leave on Thursday for Chicago, where they will engage in four-round bouts with good odds on their side at the big open air boxing show for the benefit of the National Army Fund which is to be staged at the White Sox Baseball Grounds in that city on Saturday afternoon. Nate Lewis, arranged the contests and he expects to have two of them.

Tom Gibbons, the crack middleweight of St. Paul, brother of the famous middleweight Mike Gibbons, is the latest challenger to seek a match with Jack Dempsey. Tom is a civilian boxing instructor at Camp Devens and today wrote Dempsey at the big open air boxing show for the benefit of the National Army Fund which is to be staged at the White Sox Baseball Grounds in that city on Saturday afternoon. Nate Lewis, arranged the contests and he expects to have two of them.

Jeff Smith, civilian boxing instructor at Camp Devens and one of the best middleweights in the country, has notified Matchmaker Dave Driscoll of the New Jersey Exhibition Company that he will not be ready to box Johnny Howard for at least two more weeks and he has asked to put the bout back until Friday evening, Aug. 23.

Champion Ted Lewis, holder of the welterweight title, announced to-day that he has received one offer for a fight which he is at present considering. They both are for bouts with Tommy (Doc) Egan, the middleweight of Madison, Mass., the Army A. A. of Boston wanting them to meet for twelve rounds in two weeks and a club at Atlanta, Ga., offering him a guarantee to fight Robinson later on.

Barney Adam, the local lightweight, and Young Gradow of Newark were matched today to meet in the main event of eight rounds at the main of boxing show to be staged by the Paterson A. A. of Paterson, N. J., on Saturday night. In the other eight rounds Young Gradow of Paterson will go against Willie Sullivan of Passaic.

Willie Spencer of Providence, who defeated Joe Spencer in the semifinal to the Frankie Marshall-Moore bout at Jersey City on Friday night, was matched to-day to meet Victor Egan, one step in the semifinals of six rounds to the main go between Harry Grob and Clay Turner at the Jersey City Baseball Grounds on next Friday night.

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Club	W. L. P. C. Club	W. L. P. C. Club
Philadelphia	32 33 33 33 33 33	32 33 33 33 33 33
Baltimore	32 33 33 33 33 33	32 33 33 33 33 33
St. Louis	32 33 33 33 33 33	32 33 33 33 33 33

## Games To-Day

Newark at Rochester.  
Baltimore at Birmingham.  
Buffalo at Toronto.

Giants to-day with Cincinnati, 3:30 P.  
Pitts. Grounds. Adm. 50c—Adm.

## MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

CLUBS	W. L. P. C. Club	CLUBS	W. L. P. C. Club
Chicago	41 33 400	Cincinnati	43 51 425
N. Y.	38 40 392	Boston	43 52 453
Pitts.	50 45 529	Boston	43 52 453
Phila.	44 51 463	St. L.	42 60 412

### GAMES YESTERDAY.

Chicago, 5; New York, 3.  
Cincinnati, 5; Brooklyn, 0.  
Philadelphia, 3; St. Louis, 1.  
Boston, 1; Pittsburgh, 0.

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Cincinnati at New York.  
Chicago at Brooklyn.  
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia.  
St. Louis at Boston.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

CLUBS	W. L. P. C. Club	CLUBS	W. L. P. C. Club
Chicago	41 33 400	Chicago	47 52 475
Cleveland	58 41 559	St. L.	45 55 450
Wash.	55 43 550	Detroit	44 50 440
N. Y.	48 49 475	Phila.	40 59 404

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Philadelphia, 5; Chicago, 2.  
All other games scheduled for yesterday played on Sunday.

### GAMES TO-DAY.

New York at Chicago.  
Boston at Detroit.  
Washington at Cleveland.  
Philadelphia at St. Louis.